

WALTER M. SMITH

JUNE 19, 1951.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered
to be printed

Mr. BYRNE of New York, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4226]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4226) for the relief of Walter M. Smith, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to pay \$112.15 to Walter M. Smith, of 72 Chittenden Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, in full settlement of all claims against the United States as reimbursement for expenses incurred in travel from Columbus, Ohio, to Riverton, Wyo., and return, on instructions from Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, in June 1948.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Hon. Oscar L. Chapman, Secretary of the Interior, recommends the enactment of this bill.

The letter from Secretary Chapman, together with a sworn statement of his expenses by Mr. Smith, is as follows:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., July 29, 1949.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. CELLER: We are glad to comply with your request for an expression of this Department's views in regard to H. R. 3964, a bill for the relief of Walter M. Smith.

We recommend that the proposed legislation be enacted.

On April 30, 1948, Mr. Walter M. Smith was offered an appointment in region 6 of the Bureau of Reclamation, an agency of this Department. On May 9, 1948, he advised Bureau of Reclamation officials that he would not be able to

report for duty until June 25, of that year. On May 21, 1948, the Bureau of Reclamation notified Mr. Smith that he could report for duty on June 25. It was not until after Mr. Smith had reported for work that he was informed that, owing to the discovery that funds for undertaking the work upon which he was to be employed were lacking, his services would not be required.

In view of the circumstances described in the preceding paragraph, it is considered that it would be equitable to reimburse Mr. Smith for his out-of-pocket expense in traveling from Columbus, Ohio, to Riverton, Wyo., and return. The sum of \$112.15, the amount specified in H. R. 3964, does not seem to be out of line.

We are informed by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the presentation of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN,
Under Secretary of the Interior.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 25, 1949.

Hon. J. HARRY MCGREGOR,
*Congress of the United States,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. MCGREGOR: This is a revised statement of all my expenses incurred in going to and from Riverton, Wyo., from Columbus, Ohio, as requested by your telegram of March 23, 1949.

Railroad fare from Columbus to Denver-----	\$40. 62
Plane fare from Denver to Riverton-----	24. 73
Meals en route-----	5. 00
Total-----	70. 35
Railroad fare from Denver to Columbus-----	41. 80
Grand total-----	112. 15

I wish you luck on your proposed bill.

Yours very truly,

WALTER M. SMITH.

Sworn to before me, a notary public in and for Franklin County, March 24, 1949.

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MARY E. GARNER,

Notary Public in and for Franklin County.

My commission expires August 1, 1949.

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